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TAGS: PARM, UR, US, UK, IT

SUBJECT: ITALIAN NPT RESERVATIONS

1. IN CALL BY ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON TIMERBAYEV OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION OF MFA ON OTHER MATTER, TIMERBAYEV RAISED ISSUE OF PARA EIGHT OF ARTICLE II OF ITALIAN STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING RATIFICATION OF NPT. TIMERBAYEV SAID THAT BRITISH EMBASSY HAD INFORMED HIM THAT HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING APPENDING ITS OWN INTERPRETATION OF ISSUE RAISED BY THAT PARAGRAPH IN ITALIAN STATEMENT WHEN IT FULFILLS DEPOSITORY GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION BY DISTRIBUTING ITALIAN STATEMENT. BRITISH ASKED SOVIET VIEWS ON HOW AND IN WHAT FORM TO PROCEED. WE ASSUME THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE LANGUAGE THE BRITISH ARE PROPOSING.

2. TIMERBAYEV EXPRESSED HIS OWN PERSONAL VIEWPOINT THAT SUCH A MOVE WOULD NOT BE POLITICALLY WISE. THE ISSUE IS BEING DISCUSSED IN CCD, HE ARGUED, AND IN ANY CASE IT IS SUCH A SENSITIVE ISSUE THAT IT WOULD PERHAPS BE BEST TO LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS LEGAL ADVISERS HAD POINTED OUT THAT ONE

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OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION STATES THAT IF

RESERVATIONS TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ARE NOT REBUTTED (OR RESERVED ON) WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS, THEY ARE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED. AT SAME TIME, TIMBERBAYEV NOTED, HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER THIS WAS A LIVE ISSUE SINCE THE VIENNA CONVENTION IS NOT YET IN FORCE.

3. TIMERBAYEV EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HEARING THE U.S. VIEWS ON HOW THE MATTER SHOULD BE HANDLED. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE ISSUE COULD PERHAPS BE DISCUSSED IN LONDON DURING THE UPCOMING SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE WHERE HE WOULD BE PRESENT ALONG WITH VEST AND PERHAPS VAN DOREN AS WELL AS UK EXPERTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REPLY TO TIMERBAYEV.
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